

# ● RGC NEWSLETTER ●

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## Letter from the General Manager

Dear Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back and thank you for your continued support of the club. The club has had many changes over the past several years. We are excited about these changes and appreciate your patience during these times.

We constantly look for other revenue sources to help offset rising health care, benefits, fuel costs and existing debt service from Castle renovations. However, due to the nature of our operation we are somewhat limited. We operate as a member-only club that is municipally owned, yet we do not receive any tax dollars nor are our operating cost subsidized by the City in any way. This club is totally self-supporting from membership dues and user fees. The fact is, regardless of your place of residence, the members pay for the facilities not the City.

We do not charge initiation fees, there is no bond to post and we do not have assessments to cover shortfalls as other private clubs do. Further, our membership fluctuates from year to year since residents have the option to join or not at any time. Non-residents currently pay double what a resident pays and do not have this option. If they do not renew by March 14<sup>th</sup>, they forfeit their membership and are replaced with another non-resident that is looking to join. Since I have been here we have never advertised for non-resident members yet every year we get eighty to one hundred people looking to join. With limited non-resident memberships available, these potential members are not always taken in. We all must realize a member is a member and should be treated as such.

Further, I would like to clarify that the projects and upgrades being completed are not the reasons for the increases. The overall operating budget increased just under 4% this past year and that includes the aforementioned costs inclusive of operations and projects. However the numerous categories and fluctuation in memberships have the largest impact on the dues structure.

On a positive note, we look forward to the opportunities before us with the snack bar and Whitby Castle. Our goal is to reconnect these facilities with the club and its members as well as afford us the opportunity to maximize the revenue and offset debt service.

I look forward to seeing you around the club and if we can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to ask. If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at syandrasevich@ryeny.gov or 835.3200. Sincerely,  
Scott

## Pool News

The pool membership renewal deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Get your application in on time to avoid the late fee.

The pool heater is coming! The project has been approved and contractors are gearing up for its installation. We are making every attempt to have it completed by Memorial Day, however I think mid-summer is more likely.

Additional chairs & umbrellas have been ordered, and some new playground equipment is on the way.

We would like to welcome Art Tiedemann. Art will be supervising pool operations. We have discussed member concerns and Art will be addressing those and others to make the pool even more fun and a safe friendly environment. He will be a great asset to the team so please stop by and welcome him.

Family Fun Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July with DJ John are some of the events to look

for this summer, but keep checking the bulletin boards for additional activities and dates.

### **Swim & Diving Team**

Cathleen and her coaches are setting up for another great season. Information on the team including tryouts, schedules and developmental team practices are all available at The Member Services office. June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm are mandatory tryouts, don't miss out. Please stop by to pick up the information so you don't miss important dates or deadlines.

### **The New Playgroup**

For our younger members, age's 3 – 5, playgroup is back with a new and more flexible schedule. Based on member comments, we have made some changes and Dawn is looking forward to an increased enrollment this season. May 19<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for registration. Applications are available at the Member Services office.

## Food News

New Faces, New Menus, New ideas! The snack-bar is now open, and boasts a new attitude and service standard.

This season, the food operations will be run by us (the club). Restaurant Associates, who ran all of the food operations for the past five years, has not renewed their contract. They will be hosting events through October that they had previously booked, which means most Saturday and Sundays

throughout the summer they will still be using the Castle. On the positive side we will now have the opportunity to maximize our revenue by booking and facilitating events on our own. In addition, we will be having a Mother's Day Brunch and starting Memorial Day weekend, we will be opening a Pub style restaurant at Whitby Castle. The Pub will serve lunch and dinner, Monday – Friday also Saturdays and

Sundays as scheduling permits. Look forward to family nights, themed dinner nights and special Friday night entertainment venues. This venue will be open to the public but club members will enjoy special treatment and

discounts.

We look forward to you trying the new facilities and adding them to your dining out schedule. Don't forget to inquire about family reunions, weddings and other special catered events.

## **Golf News**

Spring is here, greens are open and the golf course is looking good! We have been working hard and anticipate 2006 to be a great year. Much work is taking place on the golf course. Along with routine winter maintenance, the second, fifth and seventh tee complexes and the fourth and sixth greens complexes have been renovated and are scheduled to be open for the opening day scramble, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The golf shop is stocked, clinics are scheduled and tournaments are set. Stop in the shop and sign up for your handicap, store your clubs, try a demo and take a look at the great merchandise available and the great prices as well.

Starting May 8<sup>th</sup> tee times change to 7:00 am on weekdays and 6:15 am on weekends. Also starting May 8<sup>th</sup> you will need a tee time so plan accordingly.

## **Calendar of Events**

Please check bulletin boards for upcoming events, schedules, maintenance days, outings, changes and other information regarding the club.

## **Membership Cards**

Please have your membership cards with you at all times when at the club. You will need to present your card when checking in.

## **Rules**

When you signed your application, you indicated your willingness to comply with the rules as stated in the member handbook. We would like to remind all members and their guests to follow the rules and comply with staff requests. If rules are followed it will make for a more enjoyable club experience for you, other members and their guests.

## **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH AT THE CASTLE**

**All you can eat buffet 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm**

**Reservation requested 835-3200**

**Adult \$21.50 plus tax, Children under 12 \$10.00 plus tax, Under 4 eat free**

**Cash or Member Charge Only**